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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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1. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION DEPARTED MANILA OCTOBER 10 AFTER THREE WORKING DAYS OF MEETINGS WITH RANKING OFFICIALS IN NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), BOARD OF INVESTMENTS (BOI), TRADE, TOURISM, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

2. DELEGATION APPEARED TO TAKE ISTS MISSION SERIOUSLY AND SEEMED TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE RAPPORT WITH FILIPINO OFFICIALS. SENATOR SALII, ALTHOUGH ABSENT FROM THE THIRD DAY OF MEETINGS, PROVED AN EFFECTIVE COORDINATOR AND CHAIRMAN, PROVIDING A NEEDED SENSE OF DIRECTION TO AN OTHERWISE SOMEWHAT RETICENT GROUP.

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3. DELEGATION DISPLAYED REAL INTEREST IN PHILIPPINE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, OBVIOUSLY SEEKING ELEMENTS RELEVANT TO MICRONESIAN SITUATION. SECRETARY OF TOURISM ASPIRAS COMMENTS ON TOURISM, FOR INSTANCE, DEALT WITH MATTERS TO WHICH MICRONESIANS HAD OBVIOUSLY GIVEN SOME THOUGHT. ASPIRAS STATED BLUNTLY THAT WHEN ONE OPENS ONE'S DOORS TO TOURISM, AS THE PHILIPPINES HAS DONE, ONE ACCEPTS BAD TOURISTS ALONG WITH GOOD, AND THAT FILIPINOS HAVE HAD TO GET USED TO SHARING THEIR BEACHES WITH FOREIGNERS. HOWEVER, PHILIPPINES HAS WELCOMED TOURIST INFLUX WITH PRIDE AND PLEASURE. OTHER SUBJECTS IN WHICH MICRONESIANS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE AIR ROUTES, PHILIPPINE COPRA POLICY AND INDUSTRY, INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT, PHILIPPINE PATTERN OF ACCOMMODATING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS, AND PHILIPPINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICRONESIANS.

4. DELEGATION INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE PHILIPPINE ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA IN MUTED FASHION DURING SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS. QUESTIONS WERE GENERALLY COUCHED IN TERMS OF WISHING TO KNOW WHETHER PHILIPPINES MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN TRAINING AND RELATED AREAS WHERE ITS EXPERIENCE WAS RELEVANT, AND PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS RESPONDED DIPLOMATICALLY WITH AFFIRMATIVE BUT NON-SPECIFIC EXPRESSIONS OF WILLINGNESS TO BE OF HELP IN APPROPRIATE WAYS.

5. DELEGATION DID NOT EVIDENCE SIGNS OF WISHING INTRUDE INTO AREAS RESERVED FOR U.S. UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION STATUS, AND SENATOR SALII IN FACT SEVERAL TIMES EXPLAINED TO PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN MUCH THE SAME TERMS AS REFTEL A. PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS, GENERALLY SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN INITIALLY AS TO WHERE AND WHAT MICRONESIA IS, RECOGNIZED IN MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS A PARALLEL WITH PHILIPPINES UNDER U.S. RULE. THUS, MATTER OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AROSE ONLY IN PASSING.

6. DELEGATION WAS STILL SORTING OUT ITS IMPRESSIONS WHEN IT DEPARTED, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW HOW USEFUL IT FOUND VISIT. ON PHILIPPINE SIDE, ONE GETS IMPRESSION THAT PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS VIEW MICRONESIA  
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AS TRAVELLING SAME ROAD PHILIPPINES HAS TROD, A ROAD RELATIVELY EASILY TRAVELLED, BUT ONE ON WHICH PHILIPPINES WILL NEVERTHELESS BE WILLING TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND IF IT CAN DO SO AT NO GREAT COST TO ITSELF.  
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